Remarks

The requested amendments are for correction of typographical errors. No new matter is added since the amendments merely conform the relevant text to the remainder of the application. See especially page 4, lines 23-28, clarifying that the guides are likely out of parallel.

"In addition, the passageways defined by the channels 26 should be oversized with respect to the outside diameters of the shafts of the guides 172 so that the channels 26 can receive guides 172 that are out of parallel or in some other manner not perfectly aligned with each other. In preferred embodiments the channels define a passageway having a diameter of about 5 to 15 mm, whereas the guides 172 (see Figures 5, 6) preferably have a corresponding diameter of about 4 to 6 mm."

Request For Allowance

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. The applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

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